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DECISIONS ADOPTED BY THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME AT ITS ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING AND SPECIAL SESSION, HELD 19-22 FEBRUARY 1991

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Elections

At its organizational meeting on 19 February 1991, the Governing Council, in accordance with rule 11 of its rules of procedure, elected, by acclamation, the following officers for 1991:

President	H.E. Mr. Ramiro-Piriz-Ballon (Uruguay)
First Vice-President	Mr. Jeremiah Kramer (Canada)
Second Vice-President	Mr. Wojciech A. Jasinski (Poland)
Third Vice-President	Mr. Shaukat Umer (Pakistan)
Fourth Vice-President	Mr. Robert K. Gathungu (Kenya)

91/1. Schedule of meetings of the Governing Council in 1991 and other organizational matters

The Governing Council

I

Decides that the thirty-eighth session of the Governing Council, including the Standing Committee for Programme Matters, the Budgetary and Finance Committee and the Drafting Group shall be held in New York from 3-21 June 1991;

II

Takes note of document DP/1991/3 and the statements made thereon by the Secretary of the Governing Council and delegations at the organizational meeting on the rationalization of the work of the Council, including measures taken concerning documentation;

III

Decides to waive for its meetings in 1991 rule 22 of its rules of procedures, in so far as that rule refers to the requirement of a quorum of one third of the members of the Governing Council present to open a meeting or to proceed with a debate;

IV

Approves the provisional agenda and tentative schedule of work for its special session from 19 to 22 February 1991 (DP/1991/L.2);

V

Approves the provisional agenda and the tentative schedule of work for its thirty-eighth session (DP/1991/L.3 and Corr.2), and on the understanding that the Bureau of the Council be entrusted with the task of adjusting the schedule of meetings within the overall allocation of services to ensure a smooth and proper conduct of the session;

VI

Agrees that the Standing Committee for Programme matters shall deal with the following items at the thirty-eighth session:

(a) Implementation of country programmes in various regions;

(b) All country and intercountry programmes;

(c) Global and interregional projects;

(d) Country and intercountry programmes of the United Nations Population Fund;

(e) Evaluation;

VII

1. Decides to allocate the following items of the provisional agenda for the thirty-eighth session to its Budgetary and Finance Committee:

6. United Nations Population Fund: budgetary and financial matters;

8 (a)-8 (h). Other funds and programmes: financial and administrative questions;

10 (a). Annual review of the financial situation, 1990;

10 (b). Revised budget estimates for 1990-1991 and budget estimates for 1992-1993;

10 (c). Audit reports and other matters.

2. Further decides that the Budgetary and Finance Committee shall also review the financial implications of draft decisions before the Governing Council takes action thereon;

VIII

Reaffirms the principles contained in section III of Governing Council decision 83/1 of 14 February 1983, which shall guide the deliberations of the Drafting Group;

IX

Agrees to waive the 10-week rule for the submission of documents to be considered by the Governing Council at its thirty-eighth session, as specified in the note by the Secretariat (DP/1991/2).

91/2. Standing Committee for Programme Matters

A

The Governing Council,

Recalling its decisions 83/5 of 24 June 1983, 85/17 of 29 June 1985, 87/20 of 19 June 1987 and 90/23 of 23 June 1990,

Having considered the report of the Administrator on the Standing Committee for Programme Matters (DP/1991/4),

Taking into account the views expressed by delegations during the discussion of the subject, both at the plenary meetings of the Governing Council and during informal consultations,

Mandate

1. Decides that the Standing Committee for Programme Matters shall, with respect to the United Nations Development Programme, including its special funds and programmes, the United Nations Population Fund, as well as to United Nations technical co-operation activities within the mandate of the Governing Council:

(a) Consider major issues related to programme matters;

(b) Review country, regional, interregional and global programmes and projects;

(c) Review programme and project implementation;

(d) Consider reports on evaluation studies; and

(e) Deal with other matters relating to programme management;

Membership

2. Decides that the membership of the Standing Committee for Programme Matters shall be composed of all members of the Governing Council and that deliberations of the Committee shall be open to all participants in the Programme;

Bureau

3. Decides that the meetings of the Standing Committee for Programme Matters shall be chaired by the President of the Governing Council or by another member of the Bureau designated by the President;

Procedures, including drafting of decisions and reporting

4. Decides that the Standing Committee for Programme Matters shall work within the framework of procedures of the Governing Council, in a similar manner to the Budgetary and Finance Committee, taking into account, inter alia, the latter's practice with respect to the organization of work, the preparation of decisions, as well as the reporting to the plenary meetings of the Council;

Agenda and programme of work

5. Decides that the Standing Committee for Programme Matters shall, at its first meeting each year, determine, according to its mandate, its agenda and programme of work for the year, taking into account any matters referred to it by the Governing Council;

6. Further decides that the Standing Committee for Programme Matters shall have in-sessional meetings twice a year in connection with the organizational meeting and the regular session of the Governing Council; that every effort shall be made to ensure that the Committee's sessional meetings do not coincide with the plenary meetings of the Council; and that a maximum of two inter-sessional meetings per year may be scheduled, as required by the workload of the Committee;

Field visits

7. Decides that, for information purposes, the Standing Committee for Programme Matters, in accordance with its mandate and programme of work, shall request the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme and the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund to arrange and service up to four field visits per year, each for an average of six members of the Governing Council;

8. Decides that the specific programme aspects to be looked into during the field visits shall be determined by the Standing Committee for Programme Matters;

9. Decides that the Standing Committee for Programme Matters, in selecting the participants for these field visits, shall take into account the equitable representation of the membership of the Governing Council and shall invite the participants to participate actively in the preparation of the visits and in the work of the Committee during the presentation of the findings of the field visits;

10. Decides that the selection of countries to be visited (no more than two per field visit) and the timing of the visits shall be determined in consultation with the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme and the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund and the countries concerned;

11. Decides that the findings of the field visits shall be reported by the participants to the Standing Committee for Programme Matters at its subsequent meeting;

Financial arrangements

12. Decides that in respect of low-income Governing Council member countries (with a per capita 1989 gross national product of below $750 and small island countries with a population of 2 million or less and with a 1989 per capita gross national product between $750 and $1,500), the participation at inter-sessional meetings of the Standing Committee for Programme Matters of one official responsible for technical co-operation from the capital shall be facilitated by providing funding for travel and per diem to be financed out of the administrative budgets of the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Population Fund;

13. Further decides that the participation in field visits shall be facilitated by providing funding for travel and per diem out of the administrative budgets of the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Population Fund and at the same time invites all donor countries, as well as other countries in a position to do so, to pay for their own participation in the field visits;

Programme of work for 1991

14. Decides that the programme of work of the Standing Committee for Programme Matters for 1991 shall be decided in the course of its first meeting during the special session of the Governing Council and shall include an inter-sessional meeting in May and a first series of field visits to take place in the second half of 1991.

B

The Governing Council,

Recalling its decisions 83/5 of 24 June 1983, 85/17 of 29 June 1985, 87/20 of 19 June 1987 and 90/23 of 23 June 1990,

Having considered the oral report of the Administrator on the budgetary and financial implications of the setting up of the Standing Committee for Programme Matters,

1. Reaffirms the understanding reached in the informal consultations that all donor countries and, to the extent possible, other members of the Governing Council who participate in the field visits should pay for the costs associated with their participation;

2. Authorizes the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme and the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund to make provision for 1991 in the administrative budgets of the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Population Fund, in the proportion of 80 per cent and 20 per cent respectively, for an amount of $280,000, calculated on the basis of full costing, to cover the cost to the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Population Fund, of two inter-sessional meetings of the Standing Committee for Programme Matters and up to four field visits of an average of six members per field visit to no more than two countries per field visit per year;

3. Requests the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme and the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund to incorporate the above costs into the revised budget estimates as cost adjustments, to be presented to the Governing Council at its thirty-eighth session;

4. Authorizes the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme and the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund to make

appropriate provision for the 1992-1993 biennium in the administrative budgets of the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Population Fund, in the proportion of 80 per cent and 20 per cent respectively, for an amount of $560,000, calculated on the basis of full costing, to cover the cost to the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Population Fund, of two inter-sessional meetings of the Standing Committee for Programme Matters per year, and up to four field visits of an average of six members per field visit to no more than two countries per field visit per year;

5. Requests the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme and the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund to incorporate the above costs into the biennial budget estimates for 1992-1993 as cost adjustments, to be presented to the Governing Council at its thirty-eighth session;

6. Requests the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme and the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund to revise, as appropriate, the budget provisions for 1992-1993, based on actual expenditure experience in 1991.

91/3. Special Programme Resources

The Governing Council

1. Recalls its decision 89/20 of 30 June 1989 on the role of the United Nations Development Programme in the 1990s,

2. Notes that in accordance with the resource planning criteria adopted in its decision 90/34 of 20 June 1990, Special Programme Resources total 7 per cent of programmable resources in the fifth programming cycle (1992-1996);

3. Stresses the importance of the Special Programme Resources as a catalyst in assuring that the other resources of the programme achieve the objective of building the national capacity of developing countries, especially in the areas listed in paragraph 7 of decision 90/34, in the context of paragraph 8 of that decision;

4. Stresses the role of Special Programme Resources in improving the quality and effectiveness of United Nations Development Programme-funded technical assistance;

5. Decides that Special Programme Resources shall be used during the fifth programming cycle for the purposes and to the amounts indicated in the table below and on the basis of the programming process outlined in paragraph 8 of the present decision, in accordance with the mandates of the United Nations Development Programme specified in the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and decisions of the Governing Council, in particular General Assembly resolution 2688 (XXV) of 11 December 1970;

6. Requests the Administrator to commit funds allocated to Special Programme Resources in a manner consistent with actual income flows;

7. Requests the Administrator to report to the Governing Council, at its regular session, on disbursements made during the previous year under each Special Programme Resources category, on the geographical distribution of the disbursements as appropriate, and on the amount of funds committed under each category;

8. Requests the Administrator to submit to the Governing Council for approval, prior to the commitment of resources, a programming document containing the information specified in the annex to this decision, for each subcategory of Special Programme Resources allocations;

9. Further requests the Administrator to provide to the Governing Council at its thirty-eighth session (1991) a timetable for submission of this documentation.

Proposed earmarkings for fifth cycle SPR

(In millions of dollars)

Category		Earmarking
A.	Disaster mitigation	
A1.	Disaster preparedness and management	10
A2.	Emergency relief	7
A3.	Reconstruction and rehabilitation	18
A4.	Refugees, displaced persons and returnees	5
	Reserve for utilization after General Assembly adoption of guidelines	10
	SUBTOTAL	50
B.	Thematic activities	
B1.	Poverty eradication and grass-roots participation in development	20
B2.	Environmental problems and natural resources management	25
B3.	Management development	40
B4.	Technical cooperation among developing countries	15
B5.	Transfer and adaptation of technology for development	7
B6.	Women in development	8
	SUBTOTAL	115
C.	Other special and/or new activities	
C1.	Human development report	5
C2.	Special plan of economic assistance to Central America	20
C3.	United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development	10
C4.	Drug abuse control/crop substitution	5
C5.	HIV/AIDS	5
C6.	Social dimensions of adjustment	a/
C7.	World Conference on Education for All	a/
C8.	Private sector development	4
C9.	NGOs	a/
	SUBTOTAL	53
D.	Aid Coordination	
D1.	NaTCAPs, Round-table meetings and UNDP support to consultative group meetings	25
D2.	Others, EG needs assessments, country programme reviews	5
D3.	Country programming initiatives	5
	SUBTOTAL	35
E.	Programme development	
E1.	Project development facility	15
E2.	Programme evaluation/training	7
E3.	Programme research	7
	SUBTOTAL	29

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Category		Earmarking
F.	Assistance to the Palestinian people	
	SUBTOTAL	15
G.	Contingencies	
	SUBTOTAL	16
	GRAND TOTAL	313

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a/ Lines C.6, C.7 and C.9 were assigned $4 million in the aggregate.

Annex

PROGRAMME DOCUMENT OUTLINE

1. General description and purpose of the Special Programme Resources subcategory: background and justification for Special Programme Resources support. Assessment of achievements for this subcategory under the fourth programming cycle.

2. Specific objectives of Special Programme Resources activities of the subcategory and strategies for achieving these objectives.

3. General guidelines:

(a) Project quality and project impact;

(b) Type of activities to be financed;

(c) Eligibility (all countries would be eligible except for programmes with a specific focus);

(d) Limitations;

(e) Use of United Nations system expertise;

(f) Complementary use of country, interregional and global indicative planning figures.

4. Specific criteria for approving the use of Special Programme Resource funds for individual activities.

5. Procedures for the design, approval and implementation of individual activities:

(a) Basic elements to be included in the project documents for the activities funded under the subcategory;

(b) Country-level (or intercountry level) review and appraisal, and field office submission of project documents to headquarters, or Regional Bureau review/appraisal, submission of project documents to office charged with managing this category of Special Programme Resources;

(c) Headquarters review and approval of project documents (e.g., review by Project Appraisal Committee and Action Committee);

(d) Monitoring and evaluation.

6. Funding requirements (including basis for estimates):

(a) Over the fifth programming cycle;

(b) Over the next two years.

91/4. Annual review of the financial situation: status of the systems review project and the feasibility of developing a common system

The Governing Council

Takes note of the oral report of the Assistant Administrator and Director of the Bureau for Finance and Administration in response to decision 90/44 of 22 June 1990.